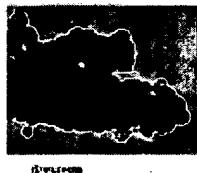


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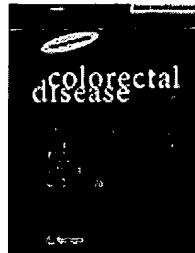


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(CQ), adriamycin (ADM), mitomycin C (MMC), aclacinomycin A (ACR), cisplatin (DDP), and 5-fluorouracil (5-FU), differed from that of the primary lesions-the metastatic lesions were less sensitive to all these drugs. There were no correlations of chemosensitivities between the primary and the metastatic lesions ($r=-0.4331 \sim 0.4857$).

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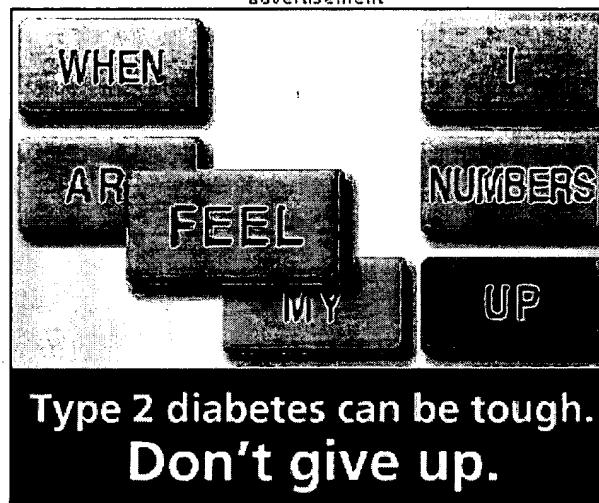
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